"Tough discissions lie ahead for principals because the guidelines and best practises for teachers to integrate technology and the requirements for techies to bring in and maintain equipment are often in direct conflict," by Betsy Price is the quote I chose. It has been my observation that teachers and techies are two very differnt mindsets. Neither one seems to understand the other. I am not sure it is actually direct conflict but rather a distinct lack of understanding on both sides. I think the IT guys (or gals) should be required to attend some of the professional development seminars on implementing technology. That way they would have a better understanding of what the teachers need. Vice versa...the techers should be required to gain a better understanding of the IT department. Teachers don't think like the techies and techies don't think like teachers. In my opinion, a better understanding of each other would be a possible solution.

Yes, Jack, tough times may be ahead, if they're not already upon us. Techies do make technology work and available for all, if conflicts are kept at a minimum between their objectives and those of the teachers. Possibly that solution where a techie and a teacher think more alike comes in you, and our class students. I agree the two should be required to go to each other's professional development seminars. It really hurts when one group is allowed to make decisions for the students or school districts without the input and compromises from both.

I agree Jack. Both ends need to be educated on the others perspective and education. It will take some veteran teachers a little more time and learning than it will the novice teachers but with professional development courses, district training opportunities, and maybe a novice-techonolgy based educator paired with a reluctant veteran educator, some differences may be eliminated which in turn, could lead to a more technology enriched environment.

Bottom line is: we must have increased understanding and increase coordination. This is where our responsibilities lie. We can be the person who meshes the the two mindsets together to create a common goal and path for achievement.